GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003
RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR APD AND REFORMS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have released funds to various State Electricity Boards to implement the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme during each of the last two years and current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of funds released during the above period, State-wise;

(c) whether the work of Electricity Boards is being closely monitored;

(d) if so, the impact of this programme on the efficiency and profitability of State Electricity Boards; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government for proper timely implementation of the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 06.03.2003 REGARDING RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR APD AND REFORMS PROGRAMME.

(a) & (b) : Under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), an amount of Rs.978.13 crores was released to the States in the year 2000-01 and an amount of Rs.1087.59 crores during the present financial year so far. No releases were made for projects sanctioned under APDRP during the year 2001-02. Details of the releases are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (e) : Yes, Sir. To bring about commitment towards distribution reforms, State Electricity Boards/Utilities have been asked to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) as a prerequisite for release of APDRP funds. The MoA, inter- alia, stipulates constitution of a State level Distribution Reform Committee, within one month of signing of the MoA. The Committee shall comprise of the State Government representative, head of the State Electricity Boards, a representative from National Thermal Power Corporation or Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and a representative from Central Electricity Authority or Ministry of Power. The Committee shall meet once in two months and review:

i. Progress of APDRP project implementation.
ii. Compliance to MoU conditions
iii. Compliance to MoA conditions
iv. Performance against APDRP targets & Benchmarks.

In addition to the above, an APDRP Monitoring Committee as well as Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Minister of Power and Secretary (Power) respectively has been constituted to formulate guidelines, approval of projects under APDRP schemes as well as to monitor project implementation and reform milestones agreed with different States.

(d) : The impact of the APDRP has been mixed. While several utilities could not fully utilize the funds sanctioned on account of delay in release of funds by the concerned State Governments, some states like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Maharashtra have achieved cash loss reduction as compared to the previous year.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE STATEMENT LAID IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 06.03.2003 REGARDING RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR APD AND REFORMS PROGRAMME.

(Rs. In Crores)

STATUS OF FUND RELEASE UNDER APDP/APDRP

Sl.No.	STATE	2000-01	2002-03
1	Andhra Pradesh	97.45	111.82
2	Bihar	21.44	16.11
3	Chhattisgarh	10.26	10.00
4	Delhi		
5	Goa		15.52
6	Gujarat	13.62	75.42
7	Haryana	49.62	37.28
8	Jharkhand	21.97	12.00
9	Karnataka	81.50	87.46
10	Kerala		30.43
11	Madhya Pradesh	40.32	51.35
12	Maharashtra	134.44	91.74
13	Orissa	38.00	14.72
14	Punjab	37.70	41.72
15	Rajasthan	45.00	90.64
16	Tamil Nadu	65.54	76.57
17	Uttar Pradesh	101.46	30.12
18	West Bengal	43.50	19.02
19	Assam	20.02	96.97
20	Arunachal Pradesh	6.32	0.00
21	Himachal Pradesh	25.32	33.04
22	Jammu & Kashmir	6.99	
23	Manipur	0.72	2.67
24	Meghalaya	1.81	6.57
25	Mizoram	1.06	3.78
26	Nagaland	1.89	13.14
27	Sikkim	6.38	17.20
28	Tripura	5.00	2.67
29	Uttaranchal	4.80	99.63
Bhuj		96.00	
Total		978.13	1087.59